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Sir:

The attention of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached PTO/SB/08A. One copy of each of these documents is attached.

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A partial English translation of the communication from the Japanese Patent Office, is enclosed to provide the requisite statement of relevance for the attached foreign reference.

The above information is presented so that the Patent and Trademark Office may, in the first instance, determine any materiality thereof to the claimed invention. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references cited in the attached Form PTO/SB/08 is made of record therein and appear on the first page of any patent to issue therefrom.

The Commission is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-2866 for any fee which is deemed by the Patent and Trademark Office to be required to effect consideration of this statement.

Respectfully Submitted,

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